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Second Section

Safety Flags Back on Public School Flagpoles Children Welcome ELMER With Loud Cheers

ELMER the safety elephant flag began flying high over both public schools once again Monday afternoon during a brief but impressive ceremony staged by the newly formed Acton Safety Council.

Mayor Les Duby, members from town council, Constable Ron Rupert of the O.P.P., Paul Nielsen, president of the Acton Safety Council (which backs the safety program), Pete Papillon, president of the Lions Club (which sponsors the Elmer program) and members from the school board took part in the ceremonies at both schools.

The Elmer the safety elephant program first started in the public school in 1951 and after a number of years the symbol of safety disappeared from the outside flag pole but was always maintained inside the school on a small standard in the school's tower.

Six Rules

Monday afternoon the council and club representatives first visited the Robert Little school and pupils filed out of the school onto the patio to hear the various speakers stress the importance of safety. Constable Ron Rupert outlined the six safety rules for the children to heed and warned them the flag would be taken away for a month in the event an accident involving one of the pupils occurred.

Cheers broke the silence of the school area after the flag was raised and began to blow in the stiff breeze.

A gaily dressed clown (Bob Louttel), led the pupils in the cheering section and assisted during the afternoon with lining up the children.

Cavalcade

Following the presentation of the flag at the Robert Little school, a cavalcade led by constable Ron Rupert in the police cruiser, drove to the M. Z. Bennett school to raise the flag there as well.

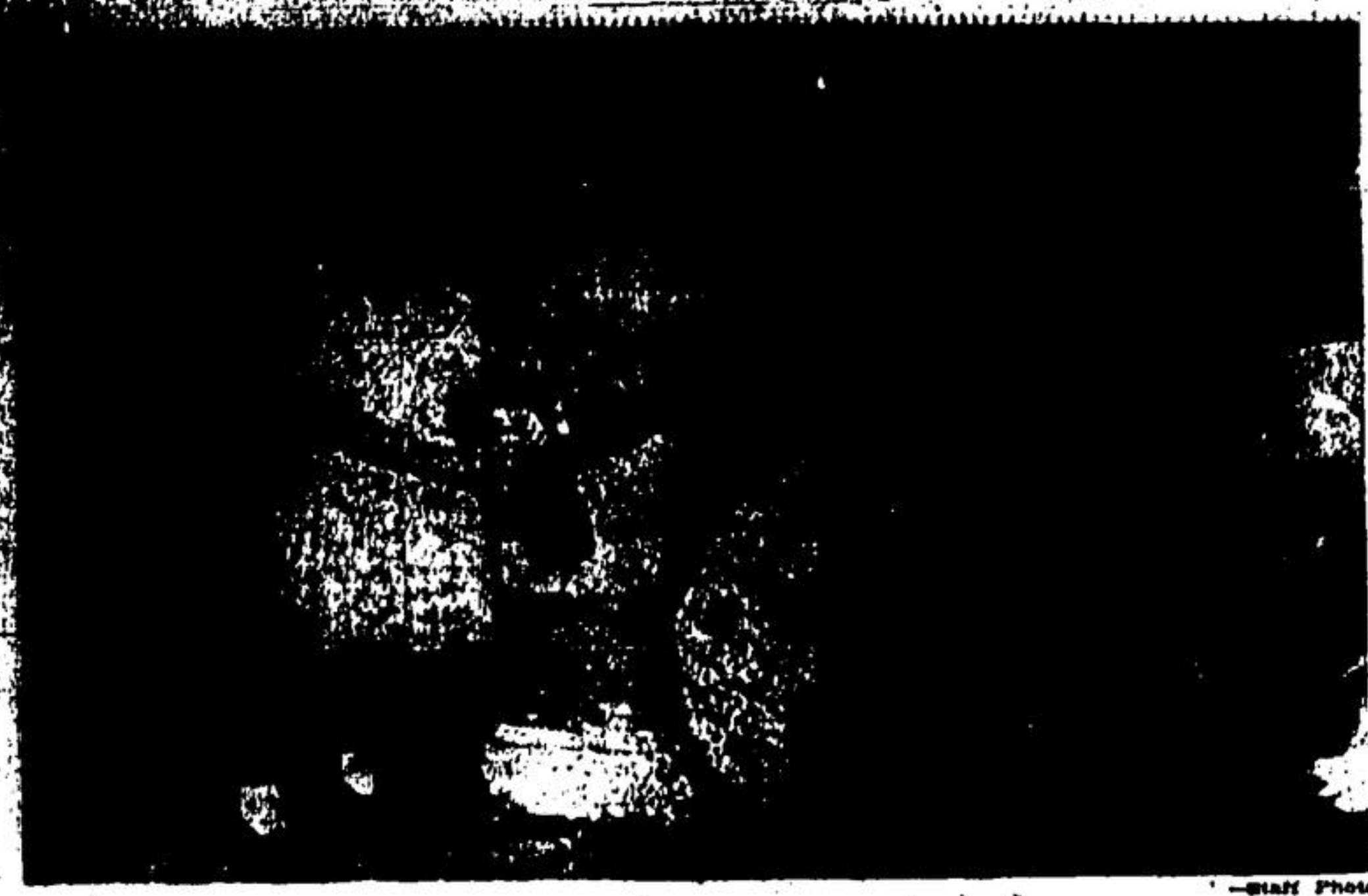


STAFF MEMBERS AND PUPILS lined up in a horseshoe outside the Robert Little school during the flag-raising ceremony for ELMER the safety flag Monday. Mayor Les Duby is pictured (center) addressing the youngsters as he stressed the importance of safety at all times. The pupils gave three rousing cheers as the flag was raised on the flagpole and began blowing in the brisk breeze. The safety program is being financed by the Lions Club through the Acton Safety Council which is backed by the Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members welcome any organizations or groups who wish to sponsor another safety program through the safety council.

Mayor Les Duby urged children at both schools to obey traffic rules and assist town workmen during winter plowing by standing well back from the road way when the plow appeared. He cited a couple of instances when children had been hurt from stones and other debris flying from the moving plow.

Chamber of Commerce president and Acton Safety Council president Paul Nielsen stressed the importance of the ELMER program and asked the pupils to learn the safety rules.

Lions Club president Pete Papillon outlined the importance of pupils practicing safety at all times and told the children his club would be awarding prizes during the year for rooms with perfect safety records. Trustee Vic Bristow representing the public school board echoed sentiments expressed by previous speakers and stressed the value of the safety program. Other guests present included councillor J. Bert Wood, trustee William Benson and Lions Club member Murray Harrison. Constable Rupert told the children if an accident occurred the police would remove the flag from the school and it would not be returned for a period of a month. Although the program is new to the pupils at both schools, the impact of having police control the ELMER flag is more meaningful and both principals and their staff are hoping the pupils will learn the safety rules and pay attention to them.



DIANE LAMB AND ELMER the safety elephant are the centre of attraction as officials at the flag-raising ceremony at the Robert Little public school crowd around. Left to right are school trustees Vic Bristow, councillor J. Bert Wood, five-year-old Diane, Paul Nielsen, president of the Acton Chamber of Commerce and president of the Safety Council, constable Ron Rupert, clown Bob Louttel, Mayor Les Duby, Lions Club president Pete Papillon and principal G. W. McKenzie.

Halton "Welcomes the World" With Display at International

Halton County is "welcoming the World" in the Halton County Tent at the International Plowing Match in Caledon, Ontario, from Tuesday, October 8 to Saturday, October 12, 1963. Under the direction of the Halton County Industrial Display Committee, chaired by Oakville's Deputy-Reeve Herbert Merry,

backed by Halton County Warden C. A. Martin, William Hunter, Deputy-Reeve of Georgetown, Wilfrid Leslie, Deputy-Reeve of Esqueping Township, J. Hurst, Acton's Industrial spokesman, and Gordon Blair, Industrial Commissioner for the Town of Burlington; Halton County will be represented at this International event.

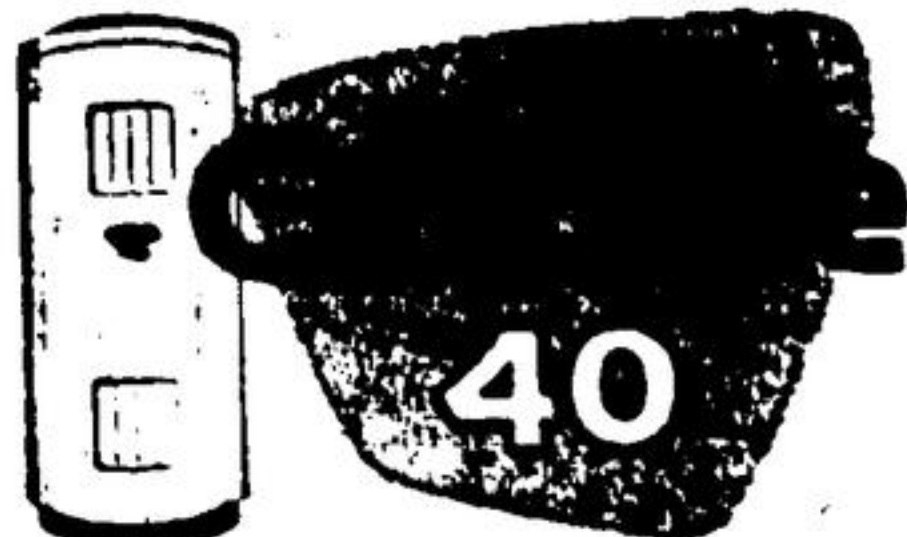
The many services provided by the County for the assistance and enjoyment of its residents will be presented by displays depicting their respective operations and history. A full picture as to the growth and development of these services and the County in general, will be seen by the visitors to the Halton County Tent.

An Industrial Booth will provide specific and up-to-date information pertaining to the local municipalities within the County.

In general, Halton County was put on the map by its representation at the International Plowing Match in Caledon on Tuesday, October 8, and its host Jack Armstrong of Georgetown assisted by representatives from the various services and County Council Members, was on hand to make this representation a success, by showing to people from all over the world some of the reasons why Halton County is a popular place in which to live and work.



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